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SUBJ: WAREHOUSE IN PORT OF COTONOU

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, DAHO-NIGER RAILWAY AUTHORITY (OCDN) IS PRESENTLY BUILDING BULK RECEPTION FACILITIES ON "NIGER SITES" WITHIN THE PORT OF COTONOU. HOWEVER, OCDN IS NOT PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A WAREHOUSE ITSELF SINCE IT IS TRYING TO GET PERMISSION TO USE ANOTHER ONE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION OWNED BY SOCAD, DAHOMEY GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AGENCY. THE DIRECTOR OF NITRA, NEWLY-FORMED STATE RENE TRANSIST AGENCY FOR NIGER, RECENTLY VISITED COTONOU TO DISCUSS ENLARGING STORAGE FACILITIES FOR NIGER IN THE PORT OF COTONOU. OCDN ASSISTANT DIR TOLD EMBASSY HE THOUGHT NITRA NEGOTIATING WITH SOCOPAO FOR A JOINT VENTURE ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORAGE FACILITIES BUT THAT NOTHING HAD YET BEEN ARRANGED. OCDN OFFICIAL DID MENTION HE HAD HEAR UN OR USAID WOULD ASSIST IN SOME WAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF EXPANDED STORAGE FACILITIES FOR NIGER.

2. EMBASSY PERSONNEL HERE CANNOT RECALL MATTER EVER BEING FORMALLY DISCUSSED BY DAHOMEAN AND AID OFFICIALS, THOUGH DO REGO OF OCDN MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT MATTER UP DURING ONE OF HIS TALKS WITH ANY OF SEVERAL AID VISITORS.

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